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International Walk to School Day

On October 3, 2007, Cobb County Department of Transportation acknowledged the efforts of Addison Elementary School's participation in <u>International Walk to School Day</u>, a day where schools around the world promote safe walking and bicycling to school. A group of nearly 50 children, parents and supporters from neighboring subdivisions gathered at 7am to walk together to school. The half hour walk to Addison Elementary got the children excited to start their day after everyone arrived safely to school.

Georgia Department of Transportation recently announced its Statewide, Safe Routes to School Program on International Walk to School Day. Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl participated in ceremonies at an Atlanta area Elementary School to officially commemorate International Walk to School Day and Georgia's participation in the Safe Routes to School Program.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a new program created by the Federal Transportation Bill, SAFETEA-LU. The Program's goal is to increase the number of children in grades K through 8 bicycling and walking to school. Benefits of the Program include: reduced congestion and increased safety near participating schools, reduced air pollution en route to and near participating schools, and increased physical activity of children.

For more information on Georgia's Safe routes to school program visit: www.dot.stat.ga.us/srts.



Addison Elementary Students and Parents get into the spirit of International Walk to School Day.